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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and/or Substitute Form PTO-1449 ("Form 1449") are submitted for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form 1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

The submission of the references listed on the Form 1449 is for the purpose of providing a complete record and is not a concession that the references listed thereon are prior art to the invention claimed in the patent application. The right is expressly reserved to establish an invention date earlier than the above-identified filing date in order to remove any reference submitted herewith as prior art should it be deemed appropriate to do so.

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☐ the Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) (see "Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)" below).

*or*

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### Copies of the References

- ☐ Copies of all of the references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are enclosed herewith.
- ☒ This patent application was filed after June 30, 2003. Accordingly, copies of U.S. patents and patent applications that are listed on the accompanying Form 1449 are not enclosed herewith (see Official Gazette Notice of August 5, 2003). Copies of other references identified on the accompanying Form 1449 are enclosed herewith.
- ☒ Attached to each reference not in the English language is a concise explanation of the relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). An English-language equivalent/patent, or an English-language abstract, or an English-language version of the search report or action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is being submitted in lieu of a concise explanation of the relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).
- ☒ A copy of the foreign search report is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ The references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were previously identified in the parent application(s) of the present application, and copies of the references were

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**Fees**

- ☒ No fee is owed by the applicant(s).  
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